

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

among:

U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management,
Price River/San Rafael Resource Area

and

State of Utah - Department of Natural Resources,
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining

concerning:

Ferron Natural Gas Environmental Impact Statement
in Emery and Carbon counties, Utah

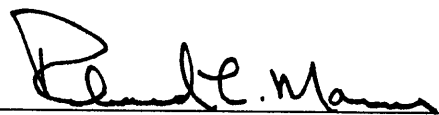
- I. Purpose. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides procedures and guidance for coordination and cooperation between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (UDOGM) concerning the Ferron Natural Gas Environmental Impact Statement (FNG EIS).
- II. Objective. The parties agree to coordinate their respective planning and decision making activities in a manner consistent with the respective responsibilities and authorities of each. The parties agree to work together to achieve maximum benefits from available resources, reduce duplication of effort, and to attain better overall coordination of land management throughout the planning process.
- III. Authority.
 - A. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 USC 1737).
 - B. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC 4321 et. seq.).
- IV. Procedure.
 - A. UDOGM would participate in the EIS as a full member of the BLM Interdisciplinary (ID) Team. They would provide scientific and technical support in preparing the "Water Resources" section of the EIS, including: data inventory, preparation of the Project Management Plan (PMP), Statement of Work (SOW), and analysis and information relevant to surface and ground water hydrology. UDOGM will designate a primary contact who will participate in ID Team meetings. UDOGM is responsible for funding labor and travel costs of their representative.

- B. BLM will be responsible for preparing the remainder of the EIS in accordance with relevant BLM manuals and regulations.

V. Administration.

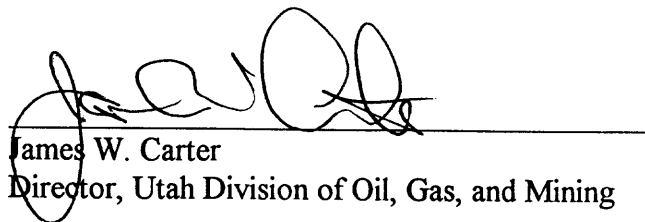
- A. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as affecting the authorities of the participants or as binding beyond their respective authorities or to require any of the participants to obligate or expend funds in excess of available appropriations.
- B. Conflicts between the participants concerning procedures under this MOU which cannot be resolved at the operational level will be referred to successively higher levels, as necessary, for resolution.
- C. This MOU terminates at the end of the EIS, which is anticipated to be April 1999.
- D. The terms of this MOU may be renegotiated at any time at the initiative of one of its participants, following at least 30 days notice to the other participant.
- E. This MOU may be canceled at any time by one of its participants, following at least 30 days notice to the other participant.
- F. Any participant may propose changes to this MOU during its term. Such changes will be in the form of an amendment and will become effective upon signature by all of the participants.
- G. This MOU will become effective upon signature by the participants.

APPROVED:



Richard Manus
Price River/San Rafael Area Manager,
Bureau of Land Management

6/4/97
Date



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6/6/97
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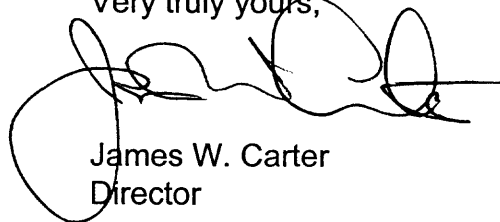
Re: MOU for the Ferron Natural Gas EIS

Dear Mr. Manus:

Enclosed are two signed copies of the Memorandum of Understanding for our cooperation on the Ferron Natural Gas Environmental Impact Statement. We have retained one original signed copy for our files.

Please contact me if anything further is needed or if you want to discuss our involvement in this process.

Very truly yours,



James W. Carter
Director

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Enclosure